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CONTROLLING ACCESS TO AREAS)
OF GAMING MACHINES) Examiner: Corbett B. Coburn
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RESPONSE TO THE FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on May 4, 2006, please enter this Response in the above-identified patent application.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.